

## CLAIMS

1. An authentication communication system which includes  
(a) a storage medium having an area for storing digital  
5 information and (b) an access device for reading/writing  
digital information from/into the area, the authentication  
communication system comprising:

10 a first authentication phase in which the access  
device authenticates whether the storage medium is  
authorized according to a challenge-response  
authentication protocol by transmitting scrambled access  
information generated by scrambling access information  
which shows the area, to the storage medium;

15 a second authentication phase in which the storage  
medium authenticates whether the access device is  
authorized; and

20 a transfer phase in which, when the storage medium  
and the access device have authenticated each other as  
authorized devices, the storage medium extracts the access  
information from the scrambled access information, and  
the access device reads/writes digital information  
from/into the area shown by the access information.

25 2. The authentication communication system of Claim 1,  
wherein in the first authentication phase,  
the access device includes:  
an access information acquisition unit for acquiring

the access information which shows the area;

a random number acquisition unit for acquiring a random number;

5 a generation unit for generating random number access information by combining the access information and the random number; and

an encryption unit for encrypting the random number access information according to an encryption algorithm, to generate the scrambled access information,

10 the storage medium includes a response value generation unit for generating a response value from the scrambled access information, and

15 the access device includes an authentication unit for authenticating whether the storage medium is authorized using the response value.

3. The authentication communication system of Claim 2, wherein in the transfer phase, the storage medium includes:

20 a decryption unit for decrypting the scrambled access information according to a decryption algorithm to obtain the random number access information; and

a separation unit for separating the access information from the random number access information.

25 4. The authentication communication system of Claim 3, wherein in the first authentication phase,

the access device further includes a random number seed storage unit for storing a random number seed, and

the random number acquisition unit acquires the random number by reading the random number seed from the  
5 random number seed storage unit.

5. The authentication communication system of Claim 4,  
wherein in the first authentication phase, the access device further writes the scrambled access  
10 information over the random number seed stored in the random number seed storage unit, as a new random number seed.

6. The authentication communication system of Claim 3,  
wherein in the first authentication phase,  
15 the access device further includes a random number seed storage unit for storing a random number seed, and  
the random number acquisition unit acquires the random number, by reading the random number seed from the random number seed storage unit and generating the random  
20 number based on the random number seed.

7. The authentication communication system of Claim 6,  
wherein in the first authentication phase, the access device further writes the random number over the  
25 random number seed stored in the random number seed storage unit as a new random number seed.

8. The authentication communication system of Claim 3,  
wherein in the transfer phase,  
the storage medium, which stores digital  
information in the area, includes an encryption unit for  
5 reading the digital information from the area shown by  
the access information and encrypting the digital  
information according to an encryption algorithm to  
generate encrypted digital information, and

the access device, which reads the digital  
10 information from the area, includes a decryption unit for  
decrypting the encrypted digital information according  
to a decryption algorithm to obtain the digital information,  
the decryption algorithm being an algorithm for decrypting  
a cryptogram generated according to the encryption  
15 algorithm.

9. The authentication communication system of Claim 3,  
wherein in the transfer phase,  
the access device, which writes digital information  
20 into the area, includes:

a digital information acquisition unit for  
acquiring the digital information; and

an encryption unit for encrypting the digital  
information according to an encryption algorithm to  
25 generate encrypted digital information, and

the storage medium includes a decryption unit for  
decrypting the encrypted digital information according





authentication communication program for use in an authentication communication system (a) which includes a storage medium having an area for storing digital information and an access device for reading/writing digital information from/into the area, and (b) in which the digital information is transferred after each of the storage medium and the access device authenticates each other as authorized devices, the authentication communication program comprising:

a first authentication step in which the access device authenticates whether the storage medium is authorized according to a challenge-response authentication protocol by transmitting scrambled access information generated by scrambling access information which shows the area, to the storage medium;

a second authentication step in which the storage medium authenticates whether the access device is authorized; and

a transfer step in which, when the storage medium and the access device have authenticated each other as authorized devices, the storage medium extracts the access information from the scrambled access information, and the access device reads/writes digital information from/into the area shown by the access information.

13. An access device which is included in the authentication communication system of Claim 1.

